



## STARR FORUM

*How can we preserve the integrity of sovereign borders while also respecting the dignity of human beings? How should a border—that imaginary line in the sand—be humanely and effectively maintained? And how should we regard "the stranger" in our midst?*

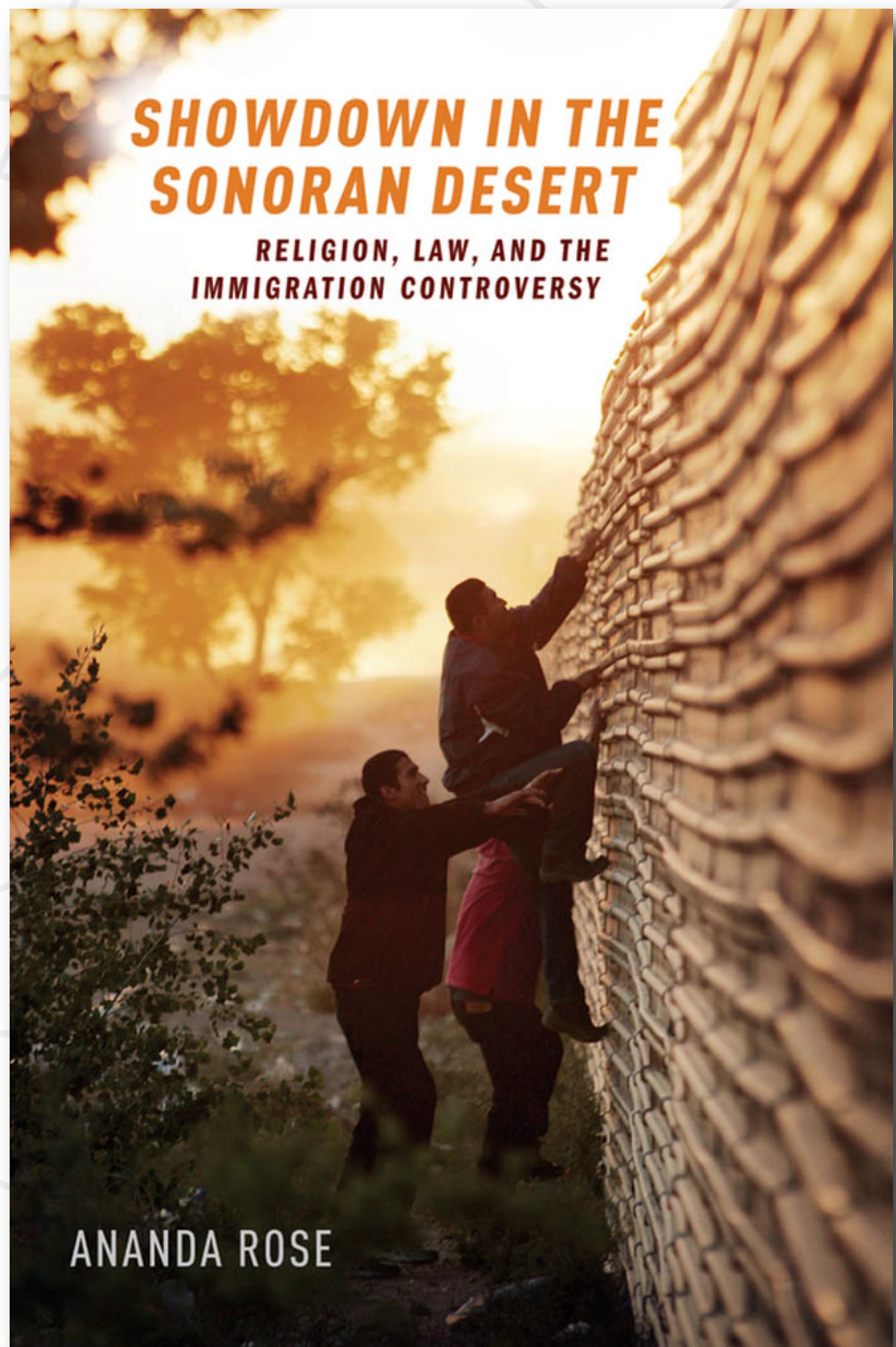
### Event details

**Tues, Sept 11, 2012**

5:00p - 6:30p

MIT Bldg E25-111

45 Carleton St, Cambridge



*Book Talk with Ananda Rose*

## **Showdown in the Sonoran Desert**

*Religion, Law, and the Immigration Controversy*

### About the speaker



**Ananda Rose** holds a doctorate from Harvard University. She is a published poet, journalist, and theologian. Her book, *Showdown in the Sonoran Desert*, Oxford University Press, was published in June 2012.

Rose traveled to the Sonoran desert, a border region where the remains of some 2,000 migrants have been recovered over the past decade. There she interviewed Minutemen, Border Patrol agents, Catholic nuns, humanitarian aid workers, left-wing protestors, ranchers, and many other ordinary citizens of southern Arizona. She discovers two starkly opposed ideological perspectives: that of religious activists who embrace a biblically inspired hospitality that stresses love of strangers and a "borderless" compassion; and that of law enforcement, which insists on safety, security, and strict respect for international borders.